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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/825,790

Applicant(s)

TSAY ET AL.

Examiner

Thanh-Tam T. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
 Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 January 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shieh (6,122,175).

Shieh, figures 2 and 3, discloses a converter for interface card, comprising a casing (10) and a circuit board (40) being encapsulated by the casing, wherein the circuit board comprising:

- a connector (20) at one end to be connected to a connector socket of a first interface protocol provided in a computer (1);
- a slot connector (30) at another end to be connected by a connector of a second interface protocol of an interface card (3), wherein the first interface protocol is an ExpressCard protocol (capable of having contact configuration according to ExpressCard protocol); and
- wires and electronic components to provide exchange of signals and electricity between a plurality of pins of the connector and a plurality of pins of the slot connector;

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wherein the connector and a casing portion adjacent to the connector form a first size and the slot connector and a casing portion adjacent to the slot connector define a space of a second size.

Regarding claim 2, the first size is smaller than the second size.

Regarding claim 4 and 5, the first/second size is size of an Express Card standard connector and the second/first size is size to accept connector of a Card Bus standard interface card.

3. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Georgopoulos et al. (5,457,601).

Georgopoulos et al., figure 3, disclose a converter for interface card, comprising a casing (302 and 304) and a circuit board (103) being encapsulated by the casing, wherein the circuit board comprising:

- a connector (306) at one end to be connected to a connector sot of a first interface protocol provided in a computer;
- a slot connector (314) at another end to be connected by a connector of a second interface protocol of an interface card (110), wherein the first interface protocol is an ExpressCard protocol (capable of having contact configuration according to ExpressCard protocol); and
- wires and electronic components to provide exchange of signals and electricity between a plurality of pins of the connector and a plurality of pins of the slot connector;

wherein the connector and a casing portion adjacent to the connector form a first size and the slot connector and a casing portion adjacent to the slot connector define a space of a second size.

Regarding claim 3, the first size is greater than the second size.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 01/10/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues "Shieh and Georgopoulos et al. fail to teach ExpressCard protocol."

The Examiner agrees. Since the Shieh and Georgopoulos et al. teach a card for interfacing PCMCIA, therefore, it capable of having contact configuration according to ExpressCard protocol.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh-Tam T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2094. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TC Patel can be reached on 571-272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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